

May 22, 2015

Memorandum #2015-62

TO: Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise
May 29, 2015
RSVP – May 27, 2015**

The next meeting of the **Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise** will be held on **May 29, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Community Development Department Conference Room (5th Floor), at Hampton City Hall, 22 Lincoln Street, Hampton.** The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by May 27, 2015 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Voting Members:

Joseph Brogan, YK
Fred Brusso, PO
Garrey W. Curry Jr., GL
Phil Davenport, VB
Amar Dwarkanath, CH
Donald E. Goodwin, FR/SH
Scott Mills, SU
Carolyn Murphy, WM

James Peterson, HA
Ellen Roberts P.E., PQ
Rhonda L. Russell AICP, SY
Mohammad Shar, NN
Peter Stephenson, SM
Beverly Walkup, IW
Ron Williams, NO

Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Alternate Members:

Anne Ducey-Ortiz, GL
Gayle E. Hicks, HA
C. Gregory Johnson, VB
Claire Jones, SU
Meg Pittenger, PO

Jim A. Redick, NO
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Ken Somerset, PQ
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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON RECURRENT FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE
MAY 29, 2015
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the March 13, 2015 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

The summary and attendance sheet of the March 13, 2015 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise are attached.

Attachments: 1A – March 2015 Meeting Summary
1B – March 2015 Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Updates on University Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Several academic institutions in Hampton Roads are working on projects related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise. Representatives will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

4. Dutch Dialogues

The HRPDC staff has continued to work with the Dutch Embassy and the Cities of Hampton and Norfolk to organize a “Dutch Dialogues” workshop in Hampton Roads. The workshop has been scheduled for June 19th – 23rd and will be held at the Slover Library in Norfolk. The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the workshop.

Attachment: 4A – Hampton Roads Dutch Dialogue Background Information

ACTION: None required.

5. National Disaster Resilience Competition

The National Disaster Resilience Competition is a grant program offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that will make \$1 billion available to

communities that were significantly affected by natural disasters between 2011 and 2013. The goal of the program is to fund innovative resilience projects to help communities address current and future risks from storms and other extreme events. The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the status of the state's application.

ACTION: None required.

6. Regional Sea Level Rise Inundation Maps

The HRPDC was awarded a grant in fall 2013 for Sea Level Rise Planning and Technical Assistance. One of the deliverables of this grant is the production of updated sea level rise inundation maps incorporating new LIDAR elevation data obtained from the federal government. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the methodology used to develop the new maps and present draft maps for consideration.

ACTION: None required.

7. HRPDC Work Program

The HRPDC staff has proposed including a sea level rise element in the HRPDC work program for FY 15-16. The staff is seeking input from the Committee on specific tasks or projects that could be conducted under this new element. The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion by the Committee on potential items that should be included in the HRPDC work program.

ACTION: None required.

8. Comprehensive Plan Requirements

At the 2015 General Assembly Session new legislation (SB1443) was passed requiring localities in Hampton Roads to include sea level rise in their comprehensive plans. Approved on March 16, 2015, the new law requires localities to incorporate "strategies to combat projected relative sea-level rise and recurrent flooding" and to coordinate with other HRPDC localities when doing so. The HRPDC staff has received inquiries from several localities concerning how this new requirement will be implemented. The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion with the Committee on how to fulfill this new requirement.

Attachments: 8A – SB1443 Text

ACTION: None required.

9. Coastal Resiliency Grant

On May 18, 2015 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced the FY 2015 Regional Coastal Resilience Grants Program. The purpose of the grant program is to develop or implement activities that build resilience of coastal regions, communities, and economic sectors to the negative impacts from extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions. The focus of the program is on regional efforts. Total funding available is \$5,000,000, with a range of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for each selected proposal. The HRPDC staff will provide an overview of the grant opportunity and lead a discussion with the Committee on ideas for a regional application.

Attachments: 9A – NOAA Coastal Resilience Grant NOFA

ACTION: None required.

10. Hampton Roads Adaptation Forum

The Hampton Roads Adaptation Forum is a joint effort between the HRPDC, Old Dominion University, and Virginia Sea Grant. The grant provides for regular meetings featuring presentations and discussion on issues related to sea level rise and recurrent flooding. The next forum meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2015. The grant currently funding the forum will end August 1, 2015. The HRPDC staff will provide a summary of the May 22 meeting and lead a discussion with the Committee on whether to continue supporting the forum and what topics should be featured.

ACTION: None required.

11. Updates on Local Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Representatives from localities will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

12. Committee and Staff Comments

The HRPDC staff would like to propose changing the Committee's name to the HRPDC Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee.

13. Other Matters